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To: All HOME & CDBG Recipients  
From: IHFA Community Development Department  
Date: September 4, 2001  
Re: **LEAD UPDATE**

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**Notice:** FSP-01-16

This notice is to provide information on upcoming lead events and clarification regarding rules and procedures when implementing lead based paint regulations.

### **Lead-Safe Indiana Conference**

Improving Kids' Environment (IKE) along with several Federal, State and local agencies is sponsoring the first State-Lead Conference. The Conference will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Hotel – Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis. Housing Agencies, Community Development Corporations, Paint Contractors, Licensed Risk Assessors, Supervisors and Inspectors, Property Managers and Owners are encouraged to attend.

In addition, the Conference is offering the required annual refresher course for inspectors and risk assessors for a savings of \$260. The refresher training counts for licenses that expire prior to November 8, 2002. Please look for your conference brochure and registration in the mail in the near future. For additional information on the Lead-Safe Indiana Conference, please contact Tom Neltner, Executive Director of IKE, at (317) 442-3972 or (317) 283-5648.

### **Risk Assessments and Clearance Test**

There has been confusion by many grantees' and risk assessors regarding exactly what encompasses a Risk Assessment and when a risk assessment must be completed.

- **If a project is exempt (e.g. no paint is being disturbed), neither a risk assessment or paint test is needed or required.**
- **A paint test only is performed on a project receiving less than \$5,000 in hard costs.**
- **A Risk Assessment includes both dust wipes and a paint test.**

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- **No initial lead testing is required if lead-based paint is assumed to be present; however, a clearance test on the back end is required.**
- **Window replacement requires a clearance test, unless the home passed the initial paint test.**

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### **Visual Assessment (HOC/DPA, Homebuyer Projects)**

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that persons performing Visual Assessments for federally funded projects undergo lead-based paint visual assessment training.

HUD offers this training via their web site at [www.hud.gov/lea/training/visualassessment/h00100.htm](http://www.hud.gov/lea/training/visualassessment/h00100.htm). Grantees should ensure that persons performing visual assessments for projects have successfully gone through this HUD visual assessment training and documentation must be available for the IHFA Compliance Specialist to review.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum please contact your IHFA Compliance Specialist.

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